

(b) a non-compressed, gelatinous portion mounted in said mould, said gelatinous portion comprising a thickening system and at least one detergent active.

22. A detergent tablet according to claim 21 wherein the non-compressed, gelatinous portion has an average viscosity of from 2000 to 15000 mPas as said non-compressed, gelatinous portion is introduced into said mould.

23. A detergent tablet according to claim 21 wherein the non-compressed, gelatinous portion dissolves more than 5%, preferably more than 10%, more preferably more than 25% and most preferably more than 50% faster than the compressed portion.

24. A detergent tablet according to claim 21 wherein said detergent active is selected from the group consisting of soil release compounds, enzymes, bleaching agents, bleach activators, detergents, builders, alkali sources, surfactants, silver protectors, disintegration agents, effervescing agents or mixtures thereof.

25. A detergent tablet according to claim 21 wherein said thickening system comprises the mixture of a non-aqueous diluent and a gelling agent.

26. A detergent tablet according to claim 21 wherein the non-compressed, gelatinous portion includes a dissolution retarder.

27. A detergent tablet according to claim 24 wherein said detergent active is an enzyme.
28. A detergent tablet according to claim 24 wherein said detergent active is a disintegration agent.
29. A detergent tablet according to claim 28 wherein said detergent tablet has a dissolution time shorter than 40 minutes.
30. A detergent tablet according to claim 28 wherein said detergent tablet has a dissolution time shorter than 10 minutes.
31. A method of washing tableware in an automatic dishwashing appliance, said method comprising treating the tableware in an automatic dishwasher with a detergent tablet according to claim 21.
32. A method of laundering fabric, said method comprising treating the fabric with a detergent tablet according to claim 21.
33. A process for preparing a multi-phase detergent tablet comprising the steps of:
- (a) compressing a composition comprising a detergent active component, said compressed phase having a mould;

(b) delivering a gelatinous mixture to said mould to form a gelatinous portion, said gelatinous mixture comprising at least one detergent active component; and

(c) solidifying said gelatinous portion.

34. A process according to claim 33 wherein said gelatinous mixture is formed by mixing a thickening system with at least one detergent active component.

35. A process according to claim 34 wherein said thickening system comprises a liquid detergent and gelling additive.

36. A process according to claim 33 wherein said compressed phase is compressed by a rotary press.

37. A process according to claim 33 wherein said detergent actives are selected from the group consisting of soil release compounds, enzymes, bleaching agents, bleach activators, detergents, builders, alkali sources, surfactants, silver protectors, disintegration agents, effervescing agents or mixtures thereof.

38. A process according to claim 33 wherein said step of solidifying said gelatinous portion comprises a cooling step.